

TAT Report to the ICC-November 2005

Reporting period for August and September 2005

Presented by Northern Kentucky Technical Assistance Team

Information provided by TATs, with Individual Reports available on request

Reports still needed

Name	Position	Months
Rebecca Steely	EKU Parent Consultant	August and September
NaVona Davis	Morehead Parent Consultant	August and September

Monthly Reports

New outline to incorporate outcomes and strategies will be used beginning in November.

General Update

- Infant/Toddler Conference booth
- Met with preschool coordinator regarding concerns with a FS referral
- Conducted/Attended trainings
- Reviewed policy and procedure
- Processed new provider contracts
- Mentorship Meeting
- PSC Networking meetings
- DEIC meetings and workgroups
- TAT staff meetings
- Emails sent regarding training opportunities, conferences, resources, etc.
- Family Orientation Planning
- Meetings regarding FS Spanish pamphlets
- Attended professional trainings
- Worked on KY Professional Conduct an Ethics Committee
- Visited health centers and distributed
- Reviewed NAEYC's Code of Ethics and wrote recommendations information/items regarding FS
- Training on writing group outcomes
- KIPDA Rural Community Early Childhood Council
- Attended a Conference as part of the Migrant Head Start Team of the Community Action Council
- Spoke to students in the IHDI Seminar about Early Intervention and Home Visits
- State Performance Plan Workgroup
- Family Orientation Workgroup
- Worked on agenda for Parent Consultant Retreat
- Worked with PSC to find materials in Spanish for families
- Worked with PSC to find information on rare diagnosis
- Worked with family who relocated to area to help them find a pediatrician for their preemie baby.
- Worked with public schools to train on qualification process for Special Education.

Provider Shortages

Barren River:	PSC, DI, SLP, PT, OT, RCP, BP, TDHH, & TVI, Dieticians, Nutritionist
Green River:	PLE, DI, PSC, SLP, PT, RCP, BP, TDHH, TVI Dieticians, Nutritionist
Cumberland Valley:	PT, ST, OT and Respite Providers
Lake Cumberland:	PT, ST, OT, Respite Providers
Kentucky River:	PLE, DI, PT, ST, OT PSC, Respite Providers
NKY:	ST, DIs
KIPDA:	Behavior Specailist, OT, PLEs who are SLPs, PLEs that are OTs or PTs, Nutritionalists, Dietician, ISCs, Bilingual Providers

Lincoln Trail:

All providers

Strategies used for recruiting providers

- Spoke to SLP class about FS and becoming a provider

Family/Provider Issues

- Identifying lists being sent to Part B without parent consent
- Continued issues regarding the requirement for 5-area assessment to be completed by the PLE's and the requirement for children with hearing impairment to receive a PLE from an SLP(not many SLP in this area)
- New service gaps exist for DIs, OTs, PTs, and PSCs due to full caseloads or some providers who decide to leave the programs
- Low attendance at DEIC meetings
- Requirement for five area assessments to be completed by PLEs and the requirement for children with hearing impairment to receive a PLE from an SLP (shortage of Evaluators who are SLPs)
- Need for completion of Family Orientation to First Steps Training
- Need for new Family Rights Handbook
- Huge number of referrals in Lincoln Trail
- Preschools and PSC's are confused about implementing the new Identifying Child Find Lists.
- Repercussions from the recently implemented Medicaid policy
- Absence of Parent Consultant
- Gathering and completing data on the SPP
- Providing information for enrolling new providers and getting material ready for new PSC's.
- Preparing material for the Family Orientation retreat and Training
- Parent Consultants were advised by Central Office to work together on the Family Rights Handbook Project
- Critical shortages of providers in certain districts
- Absence of parent consultant in district
- Large Agency in district discontinuing FS services
- Need for Bilingual providers
- Providers leaving the program and not notifying POEs, PSCs or families in a timely manner
- Ethical and Professional conduct issues
- Racial stereotyping among providers
- District ISC is leaving program.
- Problems matching families due to high number of children with rare diagnosis.
- KIPDA DEIC is upset that awards given at the Infant Toddler Institute were not correctly reflected on the plaques is not being corrected.
- Consultative model is not understood or implemented. It's an infrastructure issue, and policy and procedure needs to be changed to support the model.

Suggestions for resolutions

- Ethics and professional conduct workgroup
- Training to end racial stereotyping